



Virginia FFA 2009 State Convention “Same Traditions, New Ambitions”

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Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners – Forestry, Jr.

Blacksburg, Virginia -- Winners of the State FFA Junior Forestry Career Development Event were recognized June 23, 2009, at the second session of the 83rd Virginia State FFA Convention held in Blacksburg, Virginia. Top individual winners received pins and the state winner received a plaque endowed in memory of Leroy McGrady. **Amherst County FFA Chapter** placed first in the Virginia FFA Jr. Forestry Career Development Event. Team members are Greg Martin, Phillip Mays, Tyler Watts, and Ryan Hedrick with coach Derek Mays. **Floyd County FFA Chapter** placed second in the contest. This year’s area winners were:

Area Placing Teams

Appalachian – Carroll County Intermediate FFA Chapter
Central – Nelson Middle FFA Chapter
Northern – Stuarts Draft Middle FFA Chapter
Southside – Amherst County FFA Chapter

The event provides FFA members an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of trees and forestry-related topics. The event includes the following events: tree identification, calculation of DBH, a written test, and much more.

FFA is a national youth organization of 507,763 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,439 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Virginia FFA Association has over 10,800 members in 200 chapters. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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